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Sent: Thur 4/25/2013 6:50:58 PM
Subject: RE: HOT Issue Request - Michigan-Grand Rapids Area - Deadline April 26

Issue: Wolverine World Wide Former Tannery Site, Rockford, Michigan

Background: In June 2012, EPA completed a Preliminary Assessment in response to a citizen's petition, at the former Wolverine World Wide Tannery, located at 123 North Main Street in Rockford, Michigan. The town is located 22 miles north of Grand Rapids, Michigan. The site has generated considerable interest among the very active local community interest groups and local and state officials. The local government and State Senator Mark C. Jansen requested that EPA keep the site under state authority. The Preliminary Assessment determined that the site scores above 28.50 in EPA's Hazardous Ranking System and merits further investigation. EPA agreed to MDEQ's recommendation that the site be referred to it for further investigation under "Other Cleanup Authority" (OCA). With the site under this status, MDEQ must work with the responsible party to achieve an acceptable investigation and remediation. Additionally, MDEQ must report to EPA at least twice a year on progress being made at the site. The community group that initiated the petition has complained to EPA that the investigation work plan approved by MDEQ is inadequate and the process is not transparent. To date, MDEQ has not reported to EPA on the site's status.

Message: The OCA referral does not waive EPA's authority under CERCLA. EPA will periodically review the work being performed at the site, retain our enforcement authority, and reserve the ability to resume the status of lead agency if necessary.

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Importance: High

Grand Rapids hot issues due me, Tom and Megan by COB Friday, April 26.

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From: Peterson, John

Sent: Monday, April 22, 2013 2:25 PM

To: Hot Issue List

Subject: HOT Issue Request - Michigan-Grand Rapids Area - Deadline May 1

Importance: High

Hi Everyone,

We need hot issues for the Grand Rapids, Mich., area and hottest Michigan statewide with an emphasis on water.

Send your items to me, **John Peterson**, and **Anne Rowan**, in Public Affairs by **deadline: NOON, Wednesday, May 1** (guess you could say this is a mayday signal).

I'll attach the last GR package you did and the hot issue format.

Thanks for your hard work on this and the other recent backgrounders.

Take care,

- John

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